

Minutes

Economic Scrutiny Panel

28<sup>th</sup> June, 2006, Town Hall

**Present::** Councillor Hopgood (in the Chair), Colledge, McDonnell, Pape, Simmons, Simpson and Stoddart

**Also Present:** Mr G Scott Policy & Regeneration Manager (City of Durham)

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cowper and Shaw

**2. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2006 were confirmed as a correct record.

**3. Review of GP Provision**

The Panel carried out a review of the scrutiny of GP Provision which was initially scrutinised January 2005. The Policy and Regeneration Manager informed the panel that the Primary Care Trust (PCT) decided that the lengths of the recommendations were not necessary as a subsection in the Local Development Framework "Getting Involved in Planning" (SCI) would replace the recommended focus group.

The PCT are advised annually of planning applications where the development is more than 5 units.

Members put questions to the Policy and Regeneration Manager relating to GP Provision within the District. Members expressed their concern relating to the frequency of the meetings with the PCT, however assurances were made that information is provided on a quarterly basis.

Members intimated that feedback was essential and asked that the proposed Cabinet report be presented to the Panel at a later date possibly September/October 2006.

**4. Any Other Business**

Councillor Pape sought the opinions of the panel with regard to the suggestion of tourism as a topic for scrutiny. The panel agreed with the suggestion, Councillor Pape confirmed that he would complete the suggestion form in time for the next Scrutiny Committee.

Meeting terminated 6.02 p.m.